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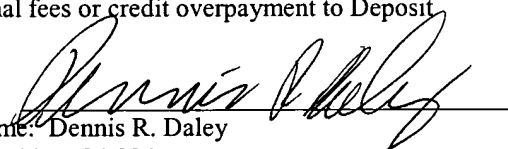
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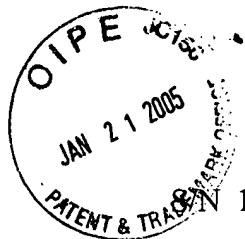
We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Response to Election of Species
- ☒ No extension of time is due - January 17th is a Federal Holiday (Martin Luther King day)
- ☒ Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 17, 2004.

The Applicants hereby elect Group I, Figures 1-9, for examination.

It is understood that once the species of Figures 1-9 are examined and found to be allowable, the search will be extended to Figures 10-12. It is understood that the election of species is not a restriction requirement and that the Examiner has not divided the claims of the application into patentably distinct inventions.

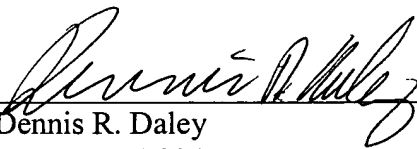
The Office Action requests a listing of all claims readable on the elected species. It is pointed out that the species of Figures 10-12 provides an arm comprising a hook member and a cam comprising a locking pin. These features are provided by dependent claims 5 and 6. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 1-4 and 7-19 are readable on the elected species.

It is believed that this application is in condition for examination. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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